Smith was not only a drunkard, but a corrupt mar. Mr. Blue said he had letters from inmates of the Leavenworth home who, if their names were known, be driven to the road by Governor is He read a telegram from E. J. Anderson and others urging him to fight General Franklin's reappointment, and telling him that 60,000 soldlers in Kansas were behind him. Another letter read by him said that the writer had enough evidence to hang Smith.

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Mr. Blue concluded his array of testimony by reading an affidavit from an inmate of the Leavenworth home charging Governor Smith with drunkenness, cruelty and gross favoritism The affidavit descr

and gross favoritism.

The affidavit described how, on one occasion, the governor was so drunk that he went upstairs on all-fours. Meeting the affiant he said: "Bob, the governor is very, very drunk tonight." (Laughter.) "I thought Kansas a prohibition state," interjected Mr. Talbert (S. C.). "It is," replied Mr. Blue, "except on government reservations." (Laughter.). Proceeding, he claimed that Gov. Smith

Proceeding, he claimed that Gov. Smith maintained the biggest saloon in Kansas under the shadow of the flag the soldiers under the shadow of the flag the soldiers fought to save. Last year, he said, the profits of the beer hall alone were \$13,000. That saloon, said he, was run by the man who was the head of the Keeley League. "Have you any charges to make against the personal character of Gen. Franklin?" asked Mr. Hill (Conn.).

Incompetent or Not Honest.

"I charge," replied Mr. Blue, with great deliberation and emphasis, "that the inspector's reports show that Gen. Franklin is either grossly negligent and incompetent or that he is not honest. He knows of these beer saloons, he knows of Smith's conduct, and, if these reports are true, he holds in his hands, in violation of law trust funds that should have been turned into the general fund. For years," he continued, "he was general treasurer of the When the law prevented him from continuing in that capacity he picked up some one, a man Friday, and put him in as general treasurer."

Mr. Blue charged that the inspector's re-ports showed that "balances had been forced."

"Do you charge misconduct against any other member or members of the board?" asked Mr. Hill.

"Not at present," responded Mr. Blue "I charge no member except Franklin, be cause I am not conversant with their acts With regard to our friend from Indiana (Mr. Steele), in all candor and charity, my only criticism is that he lacks knowledge of what transpires at the homes. I have said, and I say again, that what he does not know about the soldiers' homes would fill a large volume.'

CAPITOL TOPICS.

To Reorganize the Militia. Senator Hawley has introduced a general bill for the reorganization of the mili-The bill is a complete recodification f the existing laws.

Animal Industry Laws. The Senate committee on agriculture has

authorized Senator Warren to make a faverable report upon the animal industry bill. The bill is a recodification of the existing laws bearing upon the subject of animal and meat inspection, with numerous Interstate Gambling.

Senator Platt has introduced a bill to prohibit the transmission of the reports of results of bets on prize fights or races from one state to another and making such transmission a misdemeanor, to be punished by fine or imprisonment.

National Park on the Hudson. Senator Sewell of New Jersey today introduced a bill for the establishment of a military and national park on the Palisades of the Hudson, in the states of New York and New Jersey, in accordance with the cession made to the government by those states. The bill places the proposed park under the supervision of the Secre-

Alcohol in the Arts. The House committee on ways and means

today decided to favorably report the bill introduced by Mr. C. W. Stone of Pennsylvania to repeal the section of the Wilson act which gives free alcohol for use in the arts and manufactures.

tary of the Interior, and appropriates \$500,-

A MYSTERIOUS BOX.

n About It at the White House and the Story Discredited.

"The two sons of ex-Consul Williams, who arrived here from Havana yesterday, brought with them a precious box, which they guarded most jealously. It was only three feet high and a foot square. But the importance attached to the box lay in the prominence of the sender and the person to whom it was sent. Written on the top, in large, bold letters, are the words:

From the Captain-General of Cuba. For Mrs. Grover Cleveland, In Care of E. C. Benedict.

"Captain-General Weyler, it is believed, has sent to Mrs. Cleveland a present, which will be delivered to her by Mr. Benedict, to whose office it was sent after being passed by the customs officials. No one knows the contents of the box."

The above was published in the New York Journal of this morning. Nothing is known of it at the White House, or any-where else in this city. It is regarded as extremely improbable that Gen. Weyler should send a gift to the wife of the Presi-dent, with whom he has no acquaintance what ver, and especially under existing in ternational conditions.

THE OMAHA CONVENTION.

It Will Support McKinley and Adopt the Ohio Money Platform.

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.-The republicar state convention will convene this evening to elect four delegates to the St. Louis national convention. The program to select Mckinley supporters will be carried out, but there will be some opposition from friends of Gen. Manderson, but insufficient to disturb the slate as previously arranged. Three of the delegates-at-large, John L. Webster of Douglas county, T. H. Kennard of Lancaster and Peter Jansen of Jefferson, are as good as elected. As to the fourth delegate-at-large, here is a lively contest between-Matt Daugherty of Ogalaila, E. B. Warner of North Platte and George H. Thummel of Grand Island. The money plank of the platform will be quite similar to that of the Ohio conven-

The Connecticut Democrats. NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 15.-The democratic state central committee decided today to hold the state convention at Hartford, June 10, to choose delegates to the Chicago convention.

CONTEMPLATE RESIGNING.

Spanish Liberals May Protest Against

MADRID, April 15.-The election returns today show the parties to be divided as follows: Conservatives, 318; liberals, 87; dissident conservatives, 5; independents, 11; Carlists, 10; and republicans, 3. Owing to irregularities in Madrid, the

presidents of the electoral bureaux have teen fined 100 pesetas each. The selected in Madrid think of resigning.

In connection with the suit for libel against the Marquis of Cabrinana, who was tal in exposing alleged municipal the selection. the marquis of Cabrinana, who was the trumental in exposing alleged municipal corruption, and who, as a result, is being presecuted by the municipal councillors, the marquis has been ordered to find ball; but it is believed he will prefer to go to

FOR SINKING THE PIPE

Owners of the Crathie Condemned to

Heavy Damages. ROTTERDAM, April 15.-The owners of the British steamer Crathie, belonging to Aberdeen, have been condemned to pay 565,500 florins damages to the North German Lloyd Company for the sinking of the steamship Elbe by collision during the morning of January 80, 1895, with a loss of 355 lives.

Two Killed by an Explosion in a Fireworks Factory.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK CITY

Two Emperors on Parade in the Austrian Capital.

AMERICAN HORSES UNPLACED

CHICAGO, April 15.—One of the main buildings of the Chicago Fireworks Company at Grosspoint, fourteen miles north of this city, blew up this morning, resulting in the death of two employes and the serious injury of six more.

The dead are Nicholaus Boree and Annie Boree. The injured are Chauncey Siemey, Rosa Nertens, Lizzie Shaften, Katie Talln an, Emma Simpske and Annie Cressant. The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is supposed to have been caused by some grains of powder being ignited by concussion in the machinery used in making freworks

ing fireworks.

The explosion occurred about 8:30 o'clock. The first discharge blew out the sides of the building, letting the roof fall in. A moment later there was another explosion which shattered the roof.

As yet the remains of Annie Boree have

not been found, and it is the belief that she has been blown to pieces. Nicholaus Boree, her brother, was horribly mangled. Several others were so badly burned and lacerated that it is feared they will die. There were eight persons at work in the building at the time, not one of whom

AMERICAN HORSES UNPLACED. Second Day's Racing of the New-

market Meeting. NEWMARKET, England, April 15.-This was the second day of the Newmarket. Craven meeting. In the Two-years-old Plate of 200 sovereigns, Mr. Pierre Lorillard's Lamerock ran with fourteen others, but was not placed. Lord Rosebery's filly Harangue won; Sir J. Blundell Maple's Sarine second and Sir R. Waldie Griffith's Confusion third.

There were eleven starters in the race for the Babraham Plate, 500 sovereigns; Prince Soltykoff's Sati won, Mr. Aumont's Dor meuse was second, and Lord Derby's Dingle

Pierre Lorillard's brown filly Pigeon Wing was among the thirteen starters for the Maiden Plate, 103 sovereigns, but was not placed. L. De Rothschild's Brigg won, with E. C. Clayton's Fast second, and T. H. Cardwell's Gordito third. In the race for the Column Produce

Stakes, of 20 sovereigns each, with 300 sovereigns added, there were six starters, and L. De Rothschild's St. Frusquin won, Prince Soltykoff's South Australian was second and Lord Hindlip's Brechin third. Among the entries was Mr. Foxhall Keene's hay filly Faustine

SHOT DOWN HIS WIFE.

Frederick Merrick's Murderous Act Followed by Suicide. NEW YORK, April 15.-Frederick Merrick shot and killed his wife, Ida, in their bed room at their home this morning. Then standing before a mirror in an adjoining room he fired a bullet into his right temple. Death was instantaneous in both cases. The couple, who were well-to-do, had been married six years, and leave a child five years old. It is alleged that Merrick was suspicious of his wife, and that he had had a detective watching her for some time post. About daybreak a woman in the house heard Mrs. Merrick cry out in an alarmed tone of voice: "Oh, Fred., what are you going to do? Are you crazy?"

Immediately three shots rang out in rapid succession. Then there was the sound of a body falling heavily to the floor.

After this came a short pause, followed by another shot and the sound of a falling body. There were two bullet holes in Mrs. Merrick's temple, one in the center and the other a little to the right. A third bullet hole was almost exactly in the middle let hole was almost exactly in the middle

READY FOR A LYNCHING. A Mob at Clifton Forge, Va., Seeks a Murder Suspect.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., April 15 .- A special from Clifton Forge says that a man answering the description of Henry Brown, the negro who made an attempt to assault Mrs. Bellande yesterday, and who afterward assaulted and brutally murdered a girl named Wallace, at Longdale, was arrested late last night near Clifton Forge, and taken to Covington at 1 o'clock this morning for safe keeping.

Two hours after the plets matching the safer the plets matching for safer the plets matching the safer the plets matching for safer for Two hours after the night watchman left

with his prisoner a large number of men from Longdale, armed with rifles and shotgurs, arrived at Clifton Forge in search of the prisoner, but finding he had been taker to Covington they returned to their homes. All is quiet now.

RODE SIDE BY SIDE.

The Austrian and German Emperors on Parade. VIENNA, April 15.-Emperor Francis

Joseph has bestowed the Order of the Golden Fleece upon the German imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and Emperor dilliam has decorated Count Goluchowski, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, with the Order of the Black Eagle.

The weather today was splenged and the parade of the garrison in honor of the runperor and Empress of Germany passed off brilliantly.

When Emperor William, in Austrian huswhen Emperor william, in Sastran massar uniform, rode upon the parade ground, the bands played the German national anthem. Emperor Francis Joseph galloped up to him, saluted and delivered the report, to him, saluted and delivered the report. Their majesties then rode side by side down

Their majesties their roue side by side down the front of the troops. Count von Lamberg and Princess Doro-thea von Honhenlohe, youngest daughter of Prince Constantine von Hohenlohe-Schillingfurst, were married here today. Cardi-nal Gruscha, archbishop of Vienna, offici-

SOUND MONEY AND PROPECTION.

Congressman Evans' Dispatch to the Kentucky Republican Convention. Congressman Evans of Kentucky sent the following dispatch to Louisville today, where the republican state convention is

Hon. John W. Yerkes, Gait House:
Widespread democratic uprising for free
silver emphasizes the importance of a
strong declaration for sound money by every republican convention. The admirable
financial plank in the last financial plank in the last Massachusetts republican platform is an excellent model. We should insist upon gold standard money and protection to home industries, one and WALTER EVANS. inseparable.

Improvements in the Capitol. In the Senate this afternoon Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on rules, presented two

mendments to the sundry civil bill. One appropriates \$55,000 for the improvement of the ventilation of the Senate wing of the Capitol, including the installation of refrigerating apparatus according to the plans of Prof. Woodbridge. The other amendment appropriates \$45,000 for the extension of the electric lighting plants in the Capitol and to the grounds about the Capitol. This means that the grounds about the Capitol are to be lighted by sleotricity, something that has not yet been accomplished, with the result that at night the Capitol grounds are now dangerously complished, with the result that at night the Capitol grounds are now dangerously dark. The amendments were referred to the committee on appropriations.

The Donn Will Set Anide.

By consent, it is said, between the ties, four children of the testator, a verwas entered ir Circuit Court No. 2 today setting aside the will of the late Oliver P. Donn. This estate is said to be valued at about \$200,000. It was claimed that Mr. Donn was mentally incapable of making

LATE NEWS BY WIRE ANTHONY BOWEN SCHOOL THE CRAVE ROBBERS THE LOOKED-FOR LETTER FINANCE AND TRADE

Sloping Floors and Bulging Walls-Health Exercises Abandoned Retence Reserved. cause Considered Dangerous.

The dilapidated structure used as a school house for four hundred or more children, bearing the name "Anthony Bowen School" in large gilt letters above the entrance, is located at the southeast corner of 91h and E streets southwest. Several thick coats of drab paint, probably applied during the last school year, have rendered this relic of olden school days fairly presentable to the casual glance of the unconcerned passerby. As the building was pronounced unsafe at the meeting of the school board last evening, it was with a feeling bordering on trepidation a Star reporter today mounted a rickety porch that leads to the main entrance of the edifice, which a supervising principal described as a disgrace to the national capital. But the porch, as further examination disclosed, is probably more stanch than any other portion of the building. Just within the doorway the first thing that meets the view is a narrow stairway, so steep as to remind one very strongly of a ladder. The foot of this stairway, by actual measurement, is 3 feet and 8 inches from the front wall of the building, and leads from a passage that must be used by the pupils of two rooms on the lower floor. At pupils of two rooms on the lower floor. At the head of the stairway the condition is even worse, for a rear stairway, equally as shaky, steep and dangerous as the front, leads down, leading a space less than five feet in width, through which four lines of children are forced to pass at the same time. The fearful fatality, in case of fire or panic, can easily be imagined, for in the neighbor-hood of two hundred children would un-doubtedly endeavor to crowd through the doubtedly endeavor to crowd through the narrow passage, down the steep stairways, and on the heads of two hundred more pupils pushing through the narrower passage below, in an effort to reach the fron

Sloping and Springy Floors. Entering the southeast corner room upstairs, the floor slopes gently toward the east wall, and the sensation in moving cross it is a strong reminder of a walk along a springboard. Four inches is a conservative estimate of the distance the east wall has bulged eastward, and consequentby there is a significant gap, with number-less cracks in the plaster, intervening be-tween it and the remainder of the build-firg. In the adjoining room the situation is even worse, and from all appearances a healthy push from an ordinary right arm would cause a catastrophe. Between the floor and the east wall in this room is a decided opening.

In the west half of the building the walls In the west half of the building the walls have also begun to show a tendency to break away, as ominous cracks in the plaster testify, but the specialty of this section of the building is falling plaster. Gaunt-looking, irregular holes relieve the nonotony of the ceiling, and not long ago several square feet of the material succumbed to the force of gravity and sought a resting place on and about a desk that had been vacated by a little girl just a moment before. During the visit of the moment before. During the visit of the reporter today it was necessary for the janitor to pull down a quarter section of the ceiling in one of the lower rooms. which had been threatening to take matter into its own hands, so to speak, for som

time past. Walls That Bulge. Hidden behind a door on the first floor is all that could be desired in the way of a demonstration that some time in the near future, unless the condition of things is speedily remedied, the front or north wall will come in sudden contact with the sidewalk. Viewed from the cutside, the east walk presents a more or less graceful but most pronounced compound curve, which might be considered perfectly lovely from an architectural standpoint were it not so plainly dangerous. Standing at the base of the wall, and glancing up, it is impossible to see the projecting cornice of the roof, which, by the way, every the lower the form the view is interrunted by the lower than the control of the roof. es, for the view is interrupted by the lower of the two bulges of the wall. At the northeast corner of the building, near the south wall also presents a bulge so perceptible that it seems improbable that it could ever have been strictly perpendic-ular. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that all the floors respond to footsteps with

a springboard action. For this reason it has been necessary to eliminate health exercises from the course of instruction. There is absolutely no system of ventila-tion provided at the Anthony Bowen school building. Each room is heated by a big coal stove, and it is said that the pupils forced to occupy seeks near the steemer forced to occupy seats near the stove are constantly perspiring, and those at the op-posite end of the room usually wear overcoats and wraps during school hours.

This being a warm day there was no fire in the stove, no possibility of the presence of coal gas, and all the windows and doorways were through wide come. ways were thrown wide open, but the reoutdoors needed no argument to convince bim of the really frightful lack of ventila-tion. The tops of the window frames are fully three or four feet from the cellings, and hence it is impossible to provide for the dissemination of impure air. In cold

weather, when the stoves are in full blast, it sometimes becomes necessary to open the windows and again health is endangered by drafts. Again, no cloak rooms are provided, and therefore no other course is open than to hang the outer garments and hats of the children about the rooms. The effect of this on warm, rainy days does

effect of this on warm, rainy days does not need description.

On several occasions of late have panics been imminent at the Bowen school; one day just a few weeks ago the pupils caught the odor of burning wood, and had not the janitor just at that moment discovered that the wood work near the hall store. that the wood work near the hall store located just beneath the stairway, was catching fire, the situation might have assumed serious proportions.

ANACOSTIA AND RAPID TRANSIT.

A Hearing This Afternoon on the Capitol Railway Bill.

A subcommittee of the House District committee gave a hearing late this afternoen on the Senate bill amending the charter of the Capital Railway Company so as to permit rapid transit from Anacostia to Washington.

President Griswold of the Anacostia Railroad Company opposed the Capital railway bill on the ground that the proposed road contemplated using the Anacostia tracks and would damage the property interests of the company. He said the Anacostia company realizes the importance of rapid transit, and hopes to effect it, but that this

transit, and hopes to effect it, but that this bill would interfere with it.

Mr. Thomas W. Smith, in behalf of the owners of the first mortgage bonds of the Anacostia company, protested against the bill on account of the damage which he said it would inflict upon the interests of the bond holders.

Attorney Hazelton in behalf of the Capital Railway Company said that the insufficient service of the Anacostia Company was responsible for the proposed legisla-

was responsible for the proposed legisla-tion and had created this demand for bettion and had created this demand for better transportation facilities.

Mr. Randle of the Capital Railway Company speke of the efforts he had made to get President Griswola interested in the extension of rapid-transit service. He dwelt at some length upon the responsibility of the men behind the Capital Railway Company saving they were men well known in the men behind the Capital Railway Company, saying they were men well known in the business world and were capitalists of ample means. One of the promoters, he said, has a yearly income larger than the whole Anacostia road is bonded for. The Capital Company proposed to use in part the abandoned route of the Anacostia Company and would not use over a mile of their live tracks.

Grand Jury Indictments. Still another batch of oleomargarine in-dictments were returned by the grand jury this afternoon, the following being the parties indicted: Frank Weigand, Ferdinand ties indicted: Frank Weigand, Ferdinand Huhn, James B. Nash, William O. Lusby, James T. Childress, Edgar Henderson, Andrew J. Kenney, Wm. H. Metisier.

An indictment was also feturned against Charles Galpin, a young white man of Falls Church, Va., charging him with larceny. He pleaded guilty, and Judge Cole suspended sentence, telling the young man that if he ever again misbehaves he will be given the extreme penalty of the law.

Short Deliberations After the Evi- Disappointment of Members of the dence Was All in-The Sen-

Two alleged grave robbers, George Marlow and John James, were placed on trial in Criminal Court No. 1 yesterday afternoon. The supposed ghouls are middleaged colored men, and the government claims that the night of the 8th of last February they robbed a grave in Payne cemetery, and the night of the 8d of last month robbed a grave in Woodlawn cemetery. From the first grave they are said to have taken the body of Ellen Whittington, an elderly colored woman, and from the second grave the body of George Qualies, a colored boy.

The testimony of witnesses introduced by Assistant District Attorney Jeffords on tehalf of the prosecution tended to show that the respective bodies were buried a few days before the graves were robbed; that a box was left at the freight office of the United States Express Company early the morning of the 8th of February; that it bore two addresses, and, being opened for that reason, the nude bodies of two colored women were found in it, one of colored women were found in it, one of them being the body of Ellen Whittington. A similar box was left at the Adams Express Company's freight office early on the morning of the 3d of March, and, being opened, two bodies were found in it. one being that of Qualles. Two Sides.

The empleyes of the express companies remembered that the texes were brought to the offices in a covered wagon by colored men, and Jones was recognized as one of the men. Police Sergeant Dailey found a horse and wagon at the home of Marlow at Ivy City, which were identified as the horse and wagon used in bringing the boxes to the express effices.

The priseners were represented by Attorney John M. Largston, who, upon the conclusion of the government's testimony, asked Judge Cole to direct a verdict of acquittal. Mr. Langston contended that the evidence for the government amounted only to suspicion, but Judge Cole, in denying the motion, remarked that the evidence inthe motion, remarked that the evidence in-troduced against the men was sufficient to require an explanation from them. Mr. Langston then explained to the jury that he expected to show that the defendants bear excellent reputations, and that they had nothing whatever to do with the dese-cration of the graves. Both Guilty.

In their own behalf both Marlow and Jones testified, denying any connection with or knowledge of the robbery of the graves or the delivery of the boxes containing the bodies. Several witnesses also testified to the effect that both Marlow and Jones were at their respective homes at the time they were said to have de-

livered the boxes.

The jury took no stock in the stories of the defendants or their witnesses, for they returned a verdict of guilty against both men after a short deliberation. At the request of Mr. Langston, Judge Cole postponed sentence until Saturday next, remanding the men to jail until that time.

EASTERTIDE MISSION.

Epiphany Church to Be the Scene of a Series of Evangelical Meetings. Friends of Epiphany Church are looking forward with far more than ordinary interest to the Eastertide Mission, which is to be held in that church from April 19 to May 3, under the leadership of Rev. W. Hay Aitken, general superintendent of the Church of England Parochial Mission Soclety. The Rev. Mr. Altken, who is to hold these services, is the most distinguished mission preacher in England. He has been at work for a few months in Canada, and is about to come to the United States. where he will hold three missions-one in New York, one in Philadelphia and one in ground, it is a novelty to see the bricks of Washington. Mr. Aitken is no stranger in the wall within an inch of one another our country. The work are by held a line our country. Ten years ago he held a mis sion in St. George's Church, New York, speaking daily, besides, to the hundreds of business men who filled Trinity Church, at the head of Wall street, to listen to his

The order of services is as follows Introductory service on Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m., with reception of the missioner. Sundays—8 a.m., celebration of holy communion, with short address; 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon; 4:30 p.m., sermon t men only; 7:45 p.m., evening prayer and

Week days—10:30 a.m., address on the spiritual life; 12:15, 8 p.m., mission service for business men; sermon and after-meet Meetings for women will be addressed by Mrs. Crouch in the Guild room of the

church on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m., and at the Mission House, 12th and C streets southwest, on Thursdays and Fridays at 3 p.m. Holy communion Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.; Thursday at 11 a.m.

Death of E. A. Ridgway.

Mr. E. A. Ridgway, who was one of the mo t prominent plumbers in this city until he retired from business about seven years ago, died at 2 o'clock this morning at his residence, 231 E street northwest. Mr. Ridgway underwent a stroke of paralysis, which caused his retirement from business, and since that time it has been his custon to make annual visits to the Hot Springs of Arkansas. He left Washington shortly after Christmas and nad reached Harrisburg. Pa., on the return trip, Good Friday, April 3, when he fell in the railroad train and appeared to be badly injured. He was brought to this city, and there is no doubt clans were unable to determine whether a recurrence of the naralysis caused the fall or whether the fall brought on the paraly-

Mr. Ridgway was held in high esteem by an unusually large circle of friends, and his demise this morning caused deep sor-row. He leaves a wife and eight children, all of whom are in the city. His mother is also living, and was at his bedside when death occurred. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the number mentioned. Interment will be pri-

Funeral of Mrs. Oldfield.

The funeral services of Mrs. Catharine Chase Oldfield were held at Oak Hill Chapel this afternoon. The pall-bearers were the lantic City and elsewhere for the past nephews of the deceased, Mr. Franklin Steele of this city, Mr. Chas.S. Steele of Virsinia, Mr. W. E. Steele of Minneapolis and Mr. A. G. Mills of New York, Mr. Edward McCauley and Mr. Arthur Addison of this city. Rev. C. G. Currie, rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, conducted the services.

His Jawbone Broken.

Nicholas Harris, colored, eighteen years

old, met with a painful accident in Ana-

costia this morning about 10 o'clock. He was employed as a driver by J. T. D. Pyles and the horse kicked him in the face. His jawbone, it is thought was broken. Policeman Reagan sent him to the hospital.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., April 15 .- Mayor Hooper won the first point in his fight with the city councilmen this morning, when Judge Ritchie overruled the demurrer of Capt. Noble H. Creager to the mayor's answer to his petition that the oath of office of city collector might be administered to him. Capt. Creager was selected city col-lector by the councilmen shortly after they passed their ordinances depriving the mayor of his appointing power.

Encountered Strong Gales QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, April 15.-Th QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, April 18.—The steamship Majestic, from New York, on April 8, arrived here at 7:30 o'clock this morning. She reports that on her first second days out the strongs: and second days out the strongs: and west repeatedly were confined and the passengers are the p

Written It at Last. Democratic League Clubs Com-

mittee at No Beference to It.

The story that President Cleveland's long-lcoked-for letter declining to allow his name to be used in connection with the Chicago nomination is about to appear has again been revived. The executive committee of the National League of Democratic Clubs, headed by ex-

Gov. Chauncey F. Black of Philadelphia, yesterday afternoon called upon Presiden Cleveland, by appointment, at the White House. There was a sort of tacit understanding that Mr. Cleveland would then and there unbosom himself and express to the committee his views upon the third term question. Gov. Black, in talking today of the visit, stated that the members of the committee were grievously disap-pointed at the failure of the President to discuss the vexed matter, as they fully an-

discuss the vexed matter, as they fully anticipated that he would.

He says that the President was in a particularly jovial mood and talked about everything else but politics.

A significant thing about the President's failure to talk is that Mr. Black is raid to be a great friend of Secretary Carlisle and might have been exceedingly anxious to have the President announce himself out of the race. This would leave Mr. Carlisle the field unless Secretary Olney decides to run. Putting all things together, it-looks as if Mr. Cleveland has not intimated, even to Mr. Carlisle, what he intends to do. It is a further evidence of intends to do. It is a further evidence of the characteristic trait of the President

to keep nearly everything to himself.

The belief has been expressed that the coming out of Mr. Carlisle meant the retiring of Mr. Cleveland, but nobody can say that now with any certainty of being It is reported this afternoon that Mr. Cleveland has written a letter in which he disavows any desire to be again nominated, and that it will be given out for publication

as soon as it is received by the party to whom it is addressed.

LIQUOR TO MINORS.

Trial of a Case From the Navy

Yard. Eighth street southeast between Pennsylvania avenue and the navy yard is well supplied with drinking salsons, which are patronized to some extent by members of the marine corps and persons employed in the yard. Frank J. Nolte is the keeper of one of these drinking places, and he was complained against in the Police Court today for an alleged violation of the law relating to the sale of liquor to minors. He was defended by Lawyer Shillington, while Mr. Pugh looked after the interests of the prosecution.

Three boys, members of the marine corps who are only fifteen years old, were called as witnesses, and they told of more than one visit to the defendant's saloon on the day charged. They bought beer there, so they said, the defendant and his wife having waited on them.
"We had three rounds of beer," said

one of the boys.
"How much more did you have?"
"I don't know." Drum Major Barton told the court that he want in the defendant's place on the day charged and saw the boys seated about a table in the back room For the defense, members of States Marine Band were called

patrons of Noite's saloon, and they sald they had never seen minors served with liquor in there. On the contrary, they had seen boys refused.

After recess the court heard other evidence, and the jury neturned a verdict of

guilty.

Counsel gave notice of a motion for a new trial. CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PROSPERITY

Annual Meeting Today of the Board of Trustees. The board of trustees of the Catholic University held their annual meeting in McMahon Hall this morning. Of the archbishops of the country and the several bishops and laymen who form the board. a large proportion was present, and considerable routine business was transacted. Cardinal Gibbons presided, and among these who took part in the meeting were Bishop Horstmann of Cleveland, Ohio, the secretary; Thomas E. Waggaman of this city, treasurer; Archbishops Williams of Boston, Kain of St. Louis, Ireland of St. Paul, Ryan of Philadelphia, Mr. Joseph Banigan of Providence, R. I.: Mr. Michael

of this city and Bishop Keane, rector of the The members of the board present were divided into three committees, on studies and discipline, on finance, and on organizaand discipline, on injance, and on organiza-tion, and each committee went carefully over all the matters that have occurred during the university year in their dif-ferent departments. All the reports made were of a most satisfactory character, the work of the finance committee being especially gratifying. The report of Mr. Waggaman, the treasurer, showed that the finances of the institution are in a splendid

condition. The most important business of the morn ing was the consideration of the plan to es-tablish two new chairs in the faculty. It was definitely decided to establish the chair of Gaelic language and literature and San-scrit. Of the \$50,000 necessary to endow the chair, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has already raised \$43,000. It was voted to extend a call to Rev. Dr. Richard Henrebry of England, who is one of the most famous Gaelic scholars in the world. The proposition to establish a chair of Ger-manic languages also met with favorable consideration at the bands of the hoard but no final action was taken on the matter. The funds to endow this chair are southern Railway, Pfd. 20% Catholic organizations.

The meeting also by the various German Texas Pacific. 81%

The meeting closed shortly after 1 o'clock, and the members were entertained at lunchedn in the rectory of the university.

The new amusement, "a chute," which

Erecting a "Chute."

Captain E. S. Randall, the proprietor of River View, is erecting at that resort, will se completed and ready for service by May 1, when the excursion season will open. "Shooting the chute" has been the attraction in Chicago, Coney Island, Atthree years, and it promises to be the attraction for Washington this summer. The "chute" starts from a platform sixty feet high, and the incline is 350 feet to the walls of a lake, 300 feet long, 125 wide and four feet deep. The chute when com-pleted will have cost Captain Randall the neat little fortune of \$20,000. It will be neat little fortune of \$20,000. It will be lighted by its own electric lighting plant, and passengers will be carried up to the platform from whence the boats are start-ed down the incline in elevators. The boats hold eight people and are so constructed that not a drop of water can fly in them.

Enterprise Scrial Building Associa-The fourth annual meeting of the Enterprise Serial Building Association was held in St. Dominic's Hall, 6th and F streets southwest, Wednesday evening last at 8 o'clock. The annual report of the secretary for the past year was submitted. secretary for the past year was submitted. The following officers and directors were elected for the the ensuing year: President, David Murphy; vice president, James F. Keenan; treasurer, N. H. Shea; secretary, James F. Shea; directors, S. B. Beyer, J. J. Brosnan, John T. Crawley, Wm. Fegan, Maurice Fitzgerald, Joseph Geler, Wm. Holtman, T. T. Keane, M. J. Keane, Bernard Leonard, John Quinni, James Toole; attorney, M. J. Colbert.

There will a grand sinitation of Odd Fellows to Takoma Lodge, No. 24, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The program will include music and addresses by prominent members of the order from distant states, as well as from this jurisdiction. Refreshments till be served at the blose of the axercises.

A Star Reporter's Inspection of the Build- Both of Them Declared Guilty by the Another Rumor That Mr. Cleveland Has

spondence on Cuba. FENDENCY TO RESTRICT SPECULATION

Effect of the Transmission of Corre-

Transactions in American Tobacco Watched With Interest.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

inecial Dispatch to The Evening Star NEW YORK, April 15.-Opening prices this morning reflected advances varying from 1/4 to 1/4 per cent, and were well supported during the greater part of the day London's quotations were fractionally above our closing level, but no important transactions for foreign account were recorded. The absence of any pressure to sell and a moderate increase in the demand from sources not professional encourage confidence in an active and higher market as the season progresses. The transmission of the Cuban corre

spondence to Congress had a tendency to restrict trading during the afternoon, feare of a revival of the discussion on this subject being inspired thereby. As the documents submitted are more or less historic, and contain few items entirely new, there would seem to be small occasion for concern be-cause of a rereading at this juncture.

A better demand for foreign exchange and the almence of any improvement in the supply of bills resulted in an advance of 1/2 per cent in posted rates this morning. A further advance in rates would probably result in a moderate shipment of coin toward

the end of the week. There are no new developments in the general status of the exchange situation, and an outflow of coin should, in consequence, attract but passing notice.
The transactions in American Tobacco

The transactions in American Tobacco were watched with considerable interest throughout the day because of the doubtful value of the 20 per cent scrip dividend, and rumors of a probable injunction against its payment. A 3 per cent decline from the opening level was recorded during the early trading on sales for both accounts. The dividends, 2 per cent in cash and 20 per cent in scrip, were estimated to be worth about \$13, as the initial price of the stock indicates but the possibilities for new litigation suggested by the proposed increase in the common stock overshadowed all other considerations and attracted short all other considerations and attracted short

This selling was unusually confident in character, but the powerful inside manipulation may at any moment force a sharp rally at the expense of the short interest. Prudent operators are not likely to take risks in this stock on either side of the account, prejudice against the long side being particularly pronounced. Sugar was strong under a liberal buying demand, which advanced the price well beyond yes-terday's high level. The occasional sales to take profits in this stock are well absorbed, the larger buying even at the present level being significantly confident.

The larger commission houses were moderate purchasers of the railway shares for the accounts of out-of-town clients, a

whom a revival of interest is reported. The fractional improvement noted through

out the entire speculative list was credited to an increase in the volume of legitimate While the European demand continues to rule at almost a minimum level, local representatives of foreign houses speak encuragingly of the prospect for an increased foreign demand. The plethora of money abroad and the high level of values are relied upon to attract funds into this market if local conditions continue favorable. Sentiment is optimistic, as is usual at this season, and activity under the circumtances can reasonably have but one result, traders' reactions being figured on as a matter of course. The tendency toward improvement is all that is actually reflected in the present situation, however, sub-stantial additions to values being entirely

dependent upon a realization of present prospects FINANCIAL AND COMMERICIAL

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broacway.

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American Cotton Oil... Canada Pacific.
Chesapeake & Ohio...
C., C., O. & St. L.
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Del., Lack. & W. ...
Delaware & Hudson...
Den. & R. Grande, Pfd.
Dis. & Cattle Feeding..
General Electric...
Illinois Central... 18% 38%

Erie.
Louisville & Nashville.
Long Island Traction.
Metropolitan Traction.
Manhattan Elevated.
Michigan Central.
Missouri Pasing. Missouri Pacific....
National Lead Co...
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North American ...
Ont. & Western ...
Pacific Mail ...
Phila & Reading ... 971 27X 80%

Ex-div. 2 cash, 20 scrip. tEx-div. 1%. Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales-regular call—12 o'clock m. Ohio National Bank, 5 at 85. Metropolitan Railroad, 10 at 116; 10 at 116;; 10 at 116½, Columbia Railroad, 20 at 58; 10 at 125½. Washington Gas, 5 at 43½, U. S. Electric Light, 10 at 125½. People's Fire Insurance, 34 at 7½; 100 at 71; 16. American Graphophone, 20 at 7½; 100 at 71½; 50 at 7½. After call—Washington Loan and Trust, 7 at 122; 10 at 122. Metropolitan Railroad, 6 at 1163.

Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s, registered, 168% bld, 109 asked. U. S. 4s, coupon, 168% bld, 109 asked. U. S. 4s, 1825, 116% bld, 117½ asked. U. S. 5s, 1994, 118½ bl1.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 103 District of Columbia Bonds, 20-year fund 5s, 103 bld. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 166 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 110 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 112 bld. Water stock 7s, 1903, bld. 112 asked. Miscelliarcon.

7s. 1901, currency, 110 bid. Water stock 7s. 1903; currency, 112 bid. 2.65s. funding, currency, 109 bid. 112 saked.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railrond 5s. 107 bid. Metropolitan Railrond 5s. 120 bid. 2114; asked. Belt Railrond 5s. 77 bid. 79 saked. Ekington Bailrond 6s. 98 bid. 101 saked. Columbia Railrond 6s. 113 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A. 111 bid. 113 saked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B. 112 bid. 116 saked. Washington Gas Company cov. 6s, 120 bid. 125 naked. U. S. Electric Light conv. 5s. 120 bid. 125 naked. U. S. Electric Light conv. 5s. 120 bid. 125 naked. U. S. Electric Light conv. 5s. 120 bid. 125 naked. U. S. Electric Light conv. 5s. 120 bid. 125 naked. Washington Gas Company cov. 6s, 120 bid. 163 saked. American Security and Trust 5s. F. raid. A. 101 bid. 104 saked. American Security and Trust 5s. F. raid. A. 101 bid. 104 saked. American Security and Trust 5s. F. raid. National Market Company imp. 6s. 165 bid. Washington Market Company imp. 6s. 165 bid. National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington. 250 bid. Saked. Cirizens. 136 bid. Washington. 250 bid. Saked. Cirizens. 134 bid. Columbia. 12714-bid. 1310 saked. Capital. 116 bid. West Bad. 167 bid. 138 saked. Cirizens. 134 bid. Columbia. 12714-bid. 138 saked. Capital. 116 bid. West Bad. 167 bid. 138 saked. Capital. 116 bid. West Bad. 167 bid. 138 saked. Capital. 116 bid. West Bad. 167 bid. 138 saked. Capital. 116 bid. West Bad. 167 bid. 138 saked. Capital. 116 bid. 150 saked. Washington Safe Deposit. 50 hid. 165 bid. 168 saked. Washington Safe Deposit. 50 hid. 165 bid. 168 saked. Georgetown Gat. 2 hid. 166 saked. Georgetown Gat. 2 hid. 166 saked. Georgetown Gat. 2 hid. 168 saked. Georgetown Gat. 2 hid. 168 saked. Georgetown Gat. 2 hid. 164 saked. Georgetow

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Salington Title, 3 bid. District Title. 7 bid.

Telephone Stocks. Pennsylvania, 38 bid. 50 asked.

Columbia Brocks. Pennsylvania, 38 bid. 50 asked.

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Gun Carriage. 20 bid. 35 asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks. Mergenthaler Linotype.

110 bid. Lanston Monotype, 8 bid. 8% asked.

Vershington Market. 13 bid. Great Falls Ice, 120 bid. 180 asked. Lincolp Hall, 90 asked.

*Br div. Baltimore Markets.

BALITMORE, April 15.—Flour dull, unchanged—receipts, 9.121 barrels; shipments, 40 barrels; sales, 300 barrels. Wheat dul—spot and May, 71 asked; July, 70%, a70%, receipts, 538 bushels; stock 59,739 bushels; sales, 80,000 bushels southern wheat by sample, 75 asked; do on grade, 71a74, Corn casy—spot, 351/a355%; month, 251/a355%; May, 851/a355%; June, 351/a355%; month, 251/a355%; steeme mixed, 341/a343/—receipts, 65,322 bushels; ship ments, 51,429 bushels; stock, 587,416 bushels sales, 27,000 bushels—nouthern white core, 351/a35 ales, 27,000 bushels—southers white tors, of the control of the co

Grain and Cotton Markets. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., 1421 F street, members New York stock exchange correspondents Messrs. Ladenburg, Thal

mann & Co., New York GRAIN. July...
Pork—May July Lard—May July Ribs—May July. COTTON

THE OLEOMARGARINE CASES. Willis C. Prather on Trial for Violat-

ing the Law. The second of the oleomargarine cases, that of Wilkes C. Prather, was taken up before Judge Cole in Criminal Court No. 1

ate this afternoon. A jury was soon selected, and District Attorney Birney explained to them that the defendant was charged with selling oleomargarine to one John Enright, the 23d of last October, as and for butter, and without being at the time marked and de scribed as oleomargarine.

The first witness was Harrison Nesbitt of the local internal revenue office. He stated that last July a retail oleomargarine license was issued to Prather and Wilkes, 235 12th

street southwest.
Detective Joseph Carter, the next witness. testified that, in company with Mr. Enright, he visited the defendant's place of business, where Enright purchased the oleomargarine. The stuff was turned over by the witness to Dr. Crampton, the government's chemist. The package was produced in court, when the witness identified The case was in progress when The Star's

report closed. HALL OF HISTORY.

Bids for Construction to Be Opened

A special meeting of the subcommittee of the building committee having in charge the American University was held yesterday at the Second National Bank, and it was determined to make a change in the manner of awarding the contracts for the

building.

As originally intended, the committee roposed to give each branch of the work to a separate contractor, but after thinking over the subject more carefully, the mem bers of the committee concluded that to carry out that plan would entail a vast amount of work upon them which they did not care to assume, and a change as above Messrs. Van Brunt of Van Brunt & Howe, Kansas City, and Poindexter of

Washington, the architects of the propared the necessary specifications, which it is expected will require but a few days, the committee will invite bids from a number of selected contractors of this and other cities for the performance of the entire

work.

It has been the hope of many of the nembers of the societies of organized laber here that this great improvement would be made by days work, in which the mechanics of the District of Columbia would chanics of the District of Columbia would have a leading part, but in conversation with a Star reporter a gentleman who is prominently connected with the American University said that result would only be reached if the mechanics here can make such an arrangement with the fortunaje contractor, and that while the authorities of the university will be represented at the edifice throughout the period of its construction, the representative will have no struction, the representative will have no authority except to see that the work is performed according to the terms of the

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The Soap Factory. The soap factory at Buzzard's Point was arraigned before the Commissioners this morning. It has been on trial before because of the bad-smelling odors generated there, and time nothing beyond a hear-ing was accompanied. The garrison at the arsenal has complained again, but even the solder boys and not

the power to abate the nuisance.

Recently the health officer made a report to the Commissioners on the subject, and the latter notified the owners of the factory to appear before them this morning and show cause why the nuisance should not be abated.

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Mr. R. Ross Perry represented the soap factory this morning and requested the Commissioners to conduct the inquiry privately and exclude the press. This was done. Mr. Perry argued that his client made a large amount of money invested in the plant and the place was unobjectionable. He had no knowledge of any complaint from the citizens and did not believe that any nuisance existed.

The Commissioners reserved their decision in the matter. be abated.

ion in the matter. Exhausted Funds. Chief Clerk Sylvester of the police de partment said this morning that there is funds are dispensed in an economical way and never yet has there been a deficienty such as is at present troubling other branches of the District government. At the Police Court the funds are completely exhausted, and a collection is now being taken up for the purchase of ice in order no deficiency in that department.

taken up for the purchase of ice in order to supply the public and officials with ice water. Handles the Money. There is one vacancy at least under th District government that will not be filled according to civil service rules. It is that of bank messenger to the collector of taxes. This is a position of great responsibility, and the collector thinks he should name the clerk, especially since he is directly responsible for his proper conduct. This bank messenger handles thousands of dollars each month. He carries all funds received for taxes to the treasury, as well as a big revolver, and has a policeman as a body guard. A large number of applications have been made for the position, but the Commissioners agree that the position is without the civil service rules, and Collector Davis will name the clerk. It is understood the position will be filled by W. D. Clark, jr., son of W. D. Clark, the well-known merchant of Market space. of bank messenger to the collector of taxes.

nerchant of Market space. Commissioner Truesdell Returns Commissioner Truesdell returned to the city last evening from his two weeks' vacation and this morning was at his deak at the District building. The colonel is much improved in health and looks brown and rugged. He has been rusticating at the seaside, and what with bicycling, shing and rowing has returned to his duties a new

Will Filed. June 26, 1895, filed today, names Lewis Y, Ellis, her widower, executor. Fremises 118 11th street southeast are bequeathed to the said executor and to Clara key Ellis, a Chushier, and to the latter are given rejewelry and aliver were. The will of the late Rosa H. Ellis,